

Ladd Field
Birchwood Hanger (2085)
Fort Wainwright
Fairbanks
Alaska

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE ALASKA		COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY FAIRBANKS
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) LADD FIELD (U.S. Army)			HABS NO. AK-36 B
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Birchwood Hangar (2085)			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Ft. Wainwright, Fairbanks (former Ladd Air Base)			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1943 (U.S. Army)		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Named after first hangar constructed at Birchwood Airfield near Anchorage. These large wood frame hangars were built at a number of Alaska bases but few survive. Ladd Field was the site for the turnover of lend-lease aircraft to the Russians.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wood frame, 150' timber bowstring trusses on timber columns			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Square, 200' x 202' with 25' leant-to's on both sides			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Aluminum siding (1965) + new doors planned (1987)			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Hangar, good condition			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Historic Landmark, 1984 Bush, James Col., Narrative Report of Alaska Construction, 1941-1944 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Anchorage, Alaska 1984			
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